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Sir:.

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

An International Search report from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application is also attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 2001-306834, 2001-318681, 2002-182661, 2002-2511494, and 2002-290389 are cited in the European Search Report in a corresponding application. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-142495 is cited at page 6 of the specification. English abstracts of these Japanese publications are attached.

An English translation of a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing the listed non-English article and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

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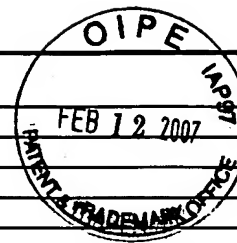
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